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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Critique for OXCART Mission Number BX6732

1. Mission critique was conducted in the OSA Control Center at 1400 hours, 2 November 1967.

2. Mission Data:

- a. Mission Number: BX6732
- b. Date Flown: 28 October 1967
- c. Area of Operation: North Vietnam
- d. Mission Success: Successful
- e. Pilot's Name: [REDACTED]
- f. Aircraft Number: 131
- g. Primary or Spare Flown: Primary
- h. Takeoff Time - Planned: 0230Z  
Actual: 0230Z
- i. Landing Time - Planned: 0626Z  
Actual: 0619Z
- j. Time Enroute - Planned: 3+56  
Actual: 3+49
- k. Departure Base: Kadena Air Base
- l. Landing Base: Kadena Air Base
- m. Equipment:

(1) Primary: Type I, [REDACTED]

(2) Spare: Same as primary.

GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

3. Operations:

a. Route (INS vs. Planned): Satisfactory.

- (1) INS Terminal Error: 5.2NM
- (2) INS Spec Error: 9.8 NM

b. Mission Generation &amp; Operational Support: Satisfactory.

(1) Comments: Supporting tankers operated from Clark Air Base and recovered to Kadena. No problems reported.

c. Other Comments: Pilot turned 60NM short of end A/R point in [ ] area.

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4. Weather:

a. Forecast vs. Actual:

- (1) Better than briefed.

(2) Comments: [ ] reported 7 per cent cloud cover on first pass and 20 per cent cloud cover on second pass. The weather was slightly better than briefed in the western part of the target area.

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b. Weather Scout Reporting: Satisfactory.

5. Intelligence:

a. Target Coverage:

- (1) 28 of 30 programmed targets covered.
- (2) 9 first priority SSM targets of 9 covered.
- (3) 22 of 27 first priority NVN COMOR targets covered.
- (4) 135 SAM sites, 14 sites occupied, 1 new site
- (5) 14 other priority NVN COMOR targets covered.
- (6) Comments: Mission was very successful. The six major airfields, principal power plants, key road and rail bridges, Haiphong and Hanoi, important logistic centers, such as Dong Dang were covered. Broad coverage also was obtained on the priority SSM search areas. This mission provided invaluable BDA data on the power plants, airfields and bridges that were struck recently.

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b. Quality of Take: Satisfactory.

- (1) Resolution: Good
- (2) Camera Operation: Camera appears to have been turned on six minutes late on second penetration leg.

f. Take Movement:

- (1) Photography: Satisfactory.

6. Materiel:

a. Aircraft General: Satisfactory.

(1) Comments: Left hydro system "low" lite came on during final approach. Broken hydro line was replaced. Windshield rain removal system fogged windshield when activated.

b. Aircraft Systems: Satisfactory.

7. Communications: Satisfactory.

a. Message Traffic: Satisfactory.

c. UHF/HF Commo: Satisfactory.

8. Significant Actions Taken:

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9. Outstanding Actions Required:

a. Contact DTFC regarding late camera turn on and route deviation (OXCART Division, OSA).

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